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by adding to proposed Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-108(d)(2) in Section 1 of Amendment Number 1, the following language at the end of the subdivision:

No employee of the department shall make any recommendation regarding or comment upon any information concerning such attorney, licensed child placing agency or licensed clinical social worker.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding to proposed Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-120 in Section 1 of Amendment Number 1, the following new subsection (c) and by redesignating the subsequent subsections:

(c) The court shall review the affidavits required in subsection (b) and shall determine whether all fees set forth therein are reasonable. The court shall retroactively approve such fees or order the reimbursement of any fees it determines to be unreasonable.

AND FURTHER AMEND by adding the following new subdivisions to proposed Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-102(1) in Section 1 of Amendment Number 1:

(H)(i) Any party alleging abandonment shall be required to demonstrate to the court that the parent or guardian who is the subject of a petition for termination of parental rights or adoption, has been given written notice by certified mail that the consequences of such parent or guardian willfully failing to visit or willfully failing to support or make reasonable payments toward the support of the child for a period of four

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(4) consecutive months will be the termination of such parent or guardian's parental rights.

(ii) Any party alleging abandonment as defined by subdivisions (A)(ii), (A)(iii), or (A)(iv) of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 36-1-102(1), shall be required to demonstrate to the court that any parent or guardian who is the subject of a petition for termination of parental rights or adoption, has been given written notice by certified mail that the consequences of such willful behavior as set out in such subdivisions will be termination of such parent or guardian's parental rights. Such written notice shall specifically set out the grounds upon which such termination is sought.